

REMARKS

The indicated allowability of claims 13 and 14 is noted, with thanks.

Claims 1, 7-10, 12, 13 and 20 have been amended to correct minor grammatical errors.

Claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form. No new matter has been entered.

The rejection of claims 1-12 and 17-20 under 35 USC §103 as obvious over Monma et al. (U.S. Patent 6,211,830) in view of Matsumoto (U.S. Patent 5,451,965) is in error. Claim 1 requires that an antenna section includes "an antenna element, and a plurality of reflectors provided near said antenna element" and that the "antenna section is provided at an end side where a microphone is provided". Monma et al. does not teach this feature. Monma et al. teaches a phone apparatus with a reflector element 103 provided on an opposite side of whip antenna 102 at the far end of microphone element 108 (FIG. 1). Nowhere does Monma et al. teach that the antenna and reflectors are provided on the same end of the phone apparatus as a microphone, i.e. as required by claim 1. The secondary reference Matsumoto does not supply the missing teachings to Monma et al. to achieve or render obvious the claims. Matsumoto only teaches a loop antenna formed near a microphone (FIGS. 1(a) - 1(c)). Nowhere does Matsumoto teach reflectors formed near the microphone element. Thus, no combination of Monma et al. and Matsumoto can teach or render obvious independent claim 1, nor any of the claims 2-12 and 17-20, which depend directly or indirectly thereon.

Turning to the rejection of claims 15 and 16 as obvious over Monma et al. in view of Matsumoto further in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (APA), claims 15 and 16 are directly dependent from claim 1. The deficiencies of the combination of Monma et al. and Matsumoto vis-à-vis claim 1 are discussed above. The APA does not supply the missing

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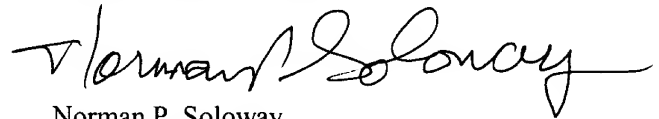
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teachings. Thus, claims 15 and 16 are patentable for the reasons adduced above as well as for their own limitations.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.


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